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Former Poetry Consultants Return to Library To Celebrate 50 Years of Consultantship

The Library of Congress will celebrate the 50th Anniversary of its Consultantship in Poetry, with a reunion of 16 former Consultants in Poetry in two evenings of readings, March 30 and 31. The two evenings, sponsored by the Library's Gertrude Clarke Whittall Poetry and Literature Fund with the support of the Morris and Gwendolyn Cafritz Foundation, will each begin at 8 p.m. To obtain tickets, call the Poetry Office, (202) 287-5394.

On Monday, March 30, Gwendolyn Brooks, James Dickey, Richard Eberhart, Anthony Hecht, Daniel Hoffman, Josephine Jacobsen, Maxine Kumin, and Stanley Kunitz will read. On Tuesday evening, March 31, the poets reading will be William Meredith, Howard Nemerov, Karl Shapiro, William Jay Smith, Stephen Spender, William Stafford, and Reed Whittemore. Robert Penn Warren, the current Consultant and the first to hold the title Poet Laureate Consultant in Poetry, will close the events with a reading of his poems.

The Consultantship was begun in 1936 with a gift to the Library from the late Archer M. Huntington, who provided an endowment "for maintenance of a chair of Poetry of the English Language in the Library of Congress." From the beginning, the incumbent was designated Consultant in Poetry. The first Consultant, Joseph Auslander, was appointed in 1937 without a definite term. When Archibald MacLeish became Librarian of Congress, he decided that the Consultantship should be filled on a rotating basis. Throughout the 1940s, each Consultant served for only one year. Beginning with Conrad Aiken, Consultants have frequently served a second year if circumstances permitted.

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Consultants *(Continued from p. 105)*

The Librarian of Congress appoints the Consultant, who advises the Library on its public literary programs, on the acquisition of literary material, and on other matters relating to poetry and literature. It has become customary for the Consultant in Poetry to open the Library's literary season in October with a reading of his or her own work and to close it in May with a public lecture. In recent years, Consultants have usually presided at public literary programs. Beginning with the appointment of Robert Penn Warren for 1986–87, the title of the position (under Public Law 99–194) became Poet Laureate Consultant in Poetry.

Consultants in Poetry and their terms of service are listed below:

Joseph Auslander	1937–41
Allen Tate	1943–44
Robert Penn Warren	1944–45
Louise Bogan	1945–46
Karl Shapiro	1946–47
Robert Lowell	1947–48
Leonie Adams	1948–49
Elizabeth Bishop	1949–50
Conrad Aiken	1950–52
William Carlos Williams	Appointed in 1952 but did not serve
Randall Jarrell	1956–58
Robert Frost	1958–59
Richard Eberhart	1959–61
Louis Untermeyer	1961–63
Howard Nemerov	1963–64
Reed Whittemore	1964–65
Stephen Spender	1965–66
James Dickey	1966–68
William Jay Smith	1968–70
William Stafford	1970–71
Josephine Jacobsen	1971–73
Daniel Hoffman	1971–73
Stanley Kunitz	1974–76
Robert Hayden	1976–78
William Meredith	1978–80
Maxine Kumin	1981–82
Anthony Hecht	1982–84
Robert Fitzgerald	1984–85 Appointed and served in health-limited capacity.
Reed Whittemore	1984–85 Interim Consultant
Gwendolyn Brooks	1985–86
Robert Penn Warren	1986–87 First to be designated Poet Laureate Consultant in Poetry

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Bruce Tapper, Editor

The Library Welcomes the Ambassador of the Federal Republic of Germany

John Wolter (left), Ambassador van Well, Bodo Schaff and Christa Bluehdorn of the embassy staff (rear), David Kraus, Margrit B. Krewson, and Mrs. van Well.

His Excellency Gunther van Well, Ambassador of the Federal Republic of Germany to the United States, visited the Library on February 10. He was accompanied by Mrs. van Well and members of his staff. Warren M. Tsuneishi, director for area studies, welcomed Ambassador van Well and his party to the Library and presented him with copies of *Berlin: 750 Years* and *The Economies of the German-Speaking Countries of Europe,* both compiled by Margrit B. Krewson of the European Division and published by the Library of Congress.

The ambassador was particularly interested in the Library's acquisitions program and the richness of the

German collection, since the Federal Republic of Germany will establish the German Historical Institute in Washington, D.C., later this year.

John Wolter, chief, Geography and Map Division, acquainted the ambassador with several outstanding examples of early mapmaking. At the Law Library, Thomas D. Burney showed the ambassador a 13th-century copy of the Magna Carta cum Statutis in a contemporary binding, and other rare items. Brian Willson, tour coordinator, concluded the visit with a discussion of the architecture of the Jefferson Building.

Library of Congress Publishes Bibliography on Berlin to Mark The City's 750th Anniversary

The Library of Congress has just published a new bibliographic guide to commemorate the 750th anniversary of the founding of Berlin, being celebrated during 1987.

The publication, *Berlin: 750 Years, A Selective Bibliography,* lists German- and English-language works on the intellectual and cultural life of this city, considered by many to be the most important in the German-speaking world. The bibliography also stresses Berlin's importance as a governmental, economic, and scientific center, as well as travel and description, bibliographic, and reference sources. An author index and LC call numbers facilitate access.

The bibliography was compiled by Margrit B. Krewson, German/Dutch area specialist in the European Division. The publication (Washington: Library of Congress, 1986; LC call number Z2244.B5K73 1986) is available free from the European Division, Library of Congress, Washington, DC 20540.

Also in connection with the anniversary of Berlin, the European Division has mounted a display in the European Reading Room.

Lotte Hellinga to Speak at the Library on The Printed Book in the 15th Century

Lotte Hellinga of The British Library and an internationally known authority on early printing, will speak on "The Printed Book in the Fifteenth Century" on Wednesday night, April 1, at 8 p.m., in the Mumford Room on the sixth floor of the Library's James Madison Memorial Building. The illustrated lecture, sponsored by the Center for the Book in the Library of Congress, is free and open to the public. It is one in a series of lectures about books established at the Library by Mrs. Charles W. Engelhard in memory of her husband.

Hard-to-Fill Vacancy

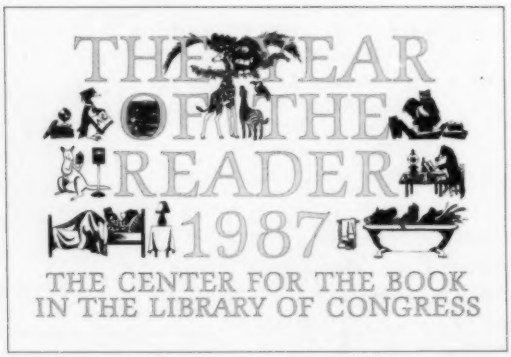
The Serial Record Division is seeking a part-time librarian, CONSER minimal level cataloger (GS-1410-9; $10.45-13.58 per hour). Requires a graduate degree in library science and a reading knowledge of Dutch, German, Scandinavian, Russian, or other East European language sufficient to perform biographical, bibliographic, and other research necessary to catalog. Applicants must submit an SF-171 (Application for Federal Employment) for vacancy 60687 to the Employment Office, LM 107 JMMB, 101 Independence Ave., Washington, DC 20540.

Briefly Noted

The research facilities of the Jimmy Carter Library in Atlanta, Ga., were officially opened on January 27. More than six million pages of material from the Carter administration are now available to the public, including subject and name files of the White House central file, significant portions of the papers of some prominent White House staff members, and memoranda, reports, and correspondence dealing with national and world affairs. Federal records relating to Presidential commissions and White House conferences as well as photographs, motion picture film, and audio- and videotapes have also been made available.

The library, which was dedicated October 1, is one of eight Presidential libraries administered by the National Archives. It is located in the Carter Presidential Center on Copen Hill and is open for research 9 a.m. to 4:45 p.m. Monday through Friday.

New Posters Celebrate the Year of the Reader



The Year of the Reader is celebrated in two new posters from the West Coast. The poster from the Oregon Center for the Book (above) features wood engravings by Portland artist Sarah Chamberlain depicting a variety of animals reading in different locations. The poster is 35″ x 24″ and is available on quality, coated paper for $12. A signed, numbered edition on rag paper is $36. Orders should be addressed to the Oregon Library Foundation, State Library Building, Salem, OR 97310-0642.

Quotations and illustrations from famous books also are celebrated in a Year of the Reader poster (below) from the San Francisco Year of the Reader office. Artist John Hyatt created the illustrations. This poster, 29½″ x 21¾″, is available for $4 plus $1.50 for shipping and handling, from Year of the Reader, 870 Market St., Suite 919, San Francisco, CA 94102.

STAFF NEWS

1986–87 Intern Class Graduates

Members of the 1986-87 Intern Class, along with The Deputy Librarian, the program coordinator, and the professional advisor, are (seated left to right): David M. Green, Serial Record Division; Lloyd E. Lewis, Subject Cataloging Division; Sherrod S. Prine, National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped; Gary L. Fitzpatrick, Geography and Map Division; and Brent L. Kendrick, program coordinator.

Standing (left to right): Jack McDonald, Jr., professional advisor; Norma K. Baker, Copyright Examining Division; Ruth Polan, Special Materials Cataloging Division; Sheridan Harvey, General Reading Rooms Division; Susan Thea David, Automation Office, CRS; Vanessa Cieslak, Congressional Reference Division; Aletta Scuka, Congressional Reference Division; Betty P.C. Turner, Descriptive Cataloging Division; Ann Kelley Christy, Automated Systems Office; and Deputy Librarian Welsh.

The 1986–87 Intern Class will long remember January 26 not only as the official ending date for the Intern Program but also as the day the Library closed because of snow, thus delaying its graduation.

The rescheduled celebration and brunch was held successfully on February 10 in the Whittall Pavilion. Congratulatory remarks were made by Brent L. Kendrick, program coordinator; Jack McDonald, Jr., professional advisor; Louis R. Mortimer, director of personnel; David Lombardo, recruitment and placement officer; and Sylvia Cooke Martin, staff training and development office. Speaking on behalf of the interns were David M. Green and Sheridan Harvey. Deputy Librarian of Congress William J. Welsh awarded certificates to the 12 members of the Intern Class.

The event marked the completion of the 20-week program that began last September. The program combined lectures, seminars, discussions, and work assign-

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ments to give the interns an opportunity to view the Library's many activities and provide a thorough knowledge, understanding, and appreciation of the Library's many functions.

Because of budgetary constraints, the 1986–87 Class was limited to Library staff members. It was the second all-Library class in the history of the program which began in 1949. With this year's class, a total of 371 interns have graduated.

Charles Doyle Becomes Senior Specialist in CRS

Charles Doyle, specialist in American public law, American Law Division, Congressional Research Service (CRS), has been promoted to senior specialist in American public law, in the Office of the Associate Director for Research Coordination, effective December 22.

Mr. Doyle has a bachelor's degree in history from the College of the Holy Cross and a law degree from Georgetown University Law Center.

He joined the American Law Division as a legal analyst and bill digester in October 1968 and received several promotions to successively higher levels of responsibility in this position. Mr. Doyle has performed research for the division in a wide variety of legal areas, including criminal law, court procedure, and constitutional law.

From May 1979 to September 1980, Mr. Doyle served as the section head for the Civil Rights/Criminal Law Section. He has also served as the acting section head for the Administrative/Labor Law Section. Mr. Doyle was promoted to the position of specialist in American public law and assistant chief of the American Law Division in September 1980 and for a period of six months during 1986, he served as acting chief of the division.

Mr. Doyle is a member of the bars of the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia, the Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia, and the U.S. Supreme Court. He is also a member of the American Bar Association.

Annual Retirees Luncheon Is Held As Part of Holiday Activities

Two hundred and forty Library retirees were honored at a luncheon in the Montpelier Room hosted by Deputy Librarian of Congress William J. Welsh

Deputy Librarian of Congress William J. Welsh (above) joins Library retirees in the Montpelier Room at the annual luncheon given in their honor. (Below) Retirees renew old acquaintances.

and department heads. Following welcoming remarks by Mr. Welsh, retired Library staff members who serve as volunteers at the information desks in the Madison and Jefferson buildings were presented with certificates of appreciation for their continuing service to the Library.

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The luncheon was part of the Library's annual holiday celebration and followed the carol sing in the Great Hall, sponsored by the Library of Congress Welfare and Recreation Association on December 23. WRA president Erma Wall greeted special guests, staff members, and their families, and introduced Deputy Librarian Welsh. Rozita Melson, incoming WRA president, introduced her organization's officers for 1987.

Participants in the annual carol sing in the Great Hall.

The focal point of the day's activities was an immense blue spruce Christmas tree, donated to the Library by Dora Robinson of Front Royal, Va., and decorated by WRA officers and members. The Library's grounds crew was responsible for cutting, transporting, and maneuvering the stately tree into the Jefferson Building.

Musical festivities included traditional music sung by the WRA Choral Society, directed by L. Gerald Hatfield, Jr.; carols by the Library of Congress Chorale, directed by Geoffrey Simon; and a solo by Albert Taylor. Santa Claus, accompanied by Mrs. Claus, needed no introduction when they arrived in the Great Hall to present small gifts to children assembled around the tree.

Singers Are Needed for WRA Performance of P. D. Q. Bach Polkas

The WRA Choral Society will present the Washington, D.C., premiere of P. D. Q. Bach's Liebeslieder Polkas in the first week of April. Additional voices are needed to enhance this "unique set" of nine long songs, particularly tenors and basses.

Half-hour rehearsals are held at 12 noon on Tuesdays and Thursdays in the subbasement lounge of the Madison Building in LM S02.

Those interested in singing this "grand work" are requested to contact L. Gerald Hatfield, choral director, on ext. 75623.

Staff Carpool Locator

☐ Karen Belanger is looking for a carpool (preferably non-smoking) from the Chesapeake Beach/ Northern Calvert County, Md., area to the Library. On flexitime schedule with a 7–9:30 a.m. sign-in band. Call Karen Belanger, ext. 75599.

☐ Staff member living in N.W. Washington, D.C., area wishes to join carpool. Can drive. Flexitime schedule. Call Dorothy Gegan, ext. 77215.

☐ Established carpool from Laurel, Md., area on a flexitime schedule of 6:45 a.m. to 3:15 p.m. seeks an additional driver/rider. Call Linda Geisler, ext. 76438.

☐ Established carpool from North Arlington seeks a rider or driver. Flexitime schedule, approximately 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Call Nancy Jones, ext. 76976.

☐ Established carpool seeks additional rider or rider/ driver. Leaving Fairfax Village/Penn Branch Shopping Center area approximately 7:15 a.m. Flexitime schedule. Madison parking. Call Dail Tyner, ext. 75243.

Personnel Changes

Appointments: Jacqueline Friedlander, assistant office manager, CRS L, GS–6; Jean Grigsby, editorial assistant, NLS/BPH, GS–5; Guadalupe E. Jimenez-Codinach, historical specialist, Hisp, GS–11; Kristen Whitney, inquiries recorder, CRS, GS–7.

Temporary Appointments: Larry C. Adams, clerk/reference assistant, CRS C, GS–5; Michael K. Edler, deck attendant, Col Mgmt, GS–3; Alice Elder, editorial assistant, CRS F, GS–5; David Kashangaki, CRS C, clerk/messenger, GS–4; Robert Locke, library technician, G&M, GS–5; J. Michael Stelmach, clerk/reference assistant, CRS C, GS–5; Walter A. Thompson, master files assistant, CRS L, GS–3.

Reappointments: Brenda Ann Able, deck attendant, Col Mgmt, GS–3; Debra Lenise Miller, deck attendant, Col Mgmt, GS–3; Janice D. Mingo, deck attendant, Col Mgmt, GS–3.

Reassignment: Demetria White, records management assistant, CS, GS–5.

Meetings and Events Around the Library

Tuesday, March 24
☐"A Russian Pioneer of Color: The Photographs of Sergei Prokudin-Gorsky," Thomas Beecher, Exhibits Office. Special Interest Groups on American Studies and Special Collections. LC Professional Association. Room LM 642, 12:10 p.m. **For members and staff.**

Thursday, March 26
☐ "Managing and Motivating Change," Peter Young, chief, Copyright Cataloging. Special Interest Group on Managers. LC Professional Association. Room LM 403, 12:10 p.m. **For members and staff.**

Friday, March 27
☐ Juilliard String Quartet. Coolidge Auditorium, 8 p.m. Tickets (two per person) available from 5 p.m. in Room LJ G107.

Saturday, March 28
☐ Performance by winners of the 1986 Alienor Harpsichord Competition. Coolidge Auditorium, 5:30 p.m. Free; no tickets required.

Sunday, March 29
☐ Readings by young poets, selected by former Library of Congress Consultants in Poetry. Consultants' Reunion/1987, Coolidge Auditorium, 7:30 p.m. Free; no tickets required.

Monday, March 30
☐ Readings by former Library of Congress Consultants in Poetry. Consultants' Reunion/1987, Coolidge Auditorium, 8 p.m. Free; available from Poetry Office.

Tuesday, March 31
☐ Readings by former Library of Congress Consultants in Poetry. Consultants' Reunion, Coolidge Auditorium, 8 p.m. Closing reception, 10 p.m., Great Hall. Free; available from Poetry Office.

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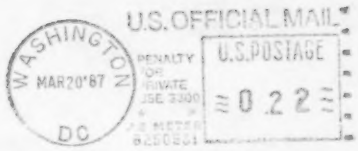

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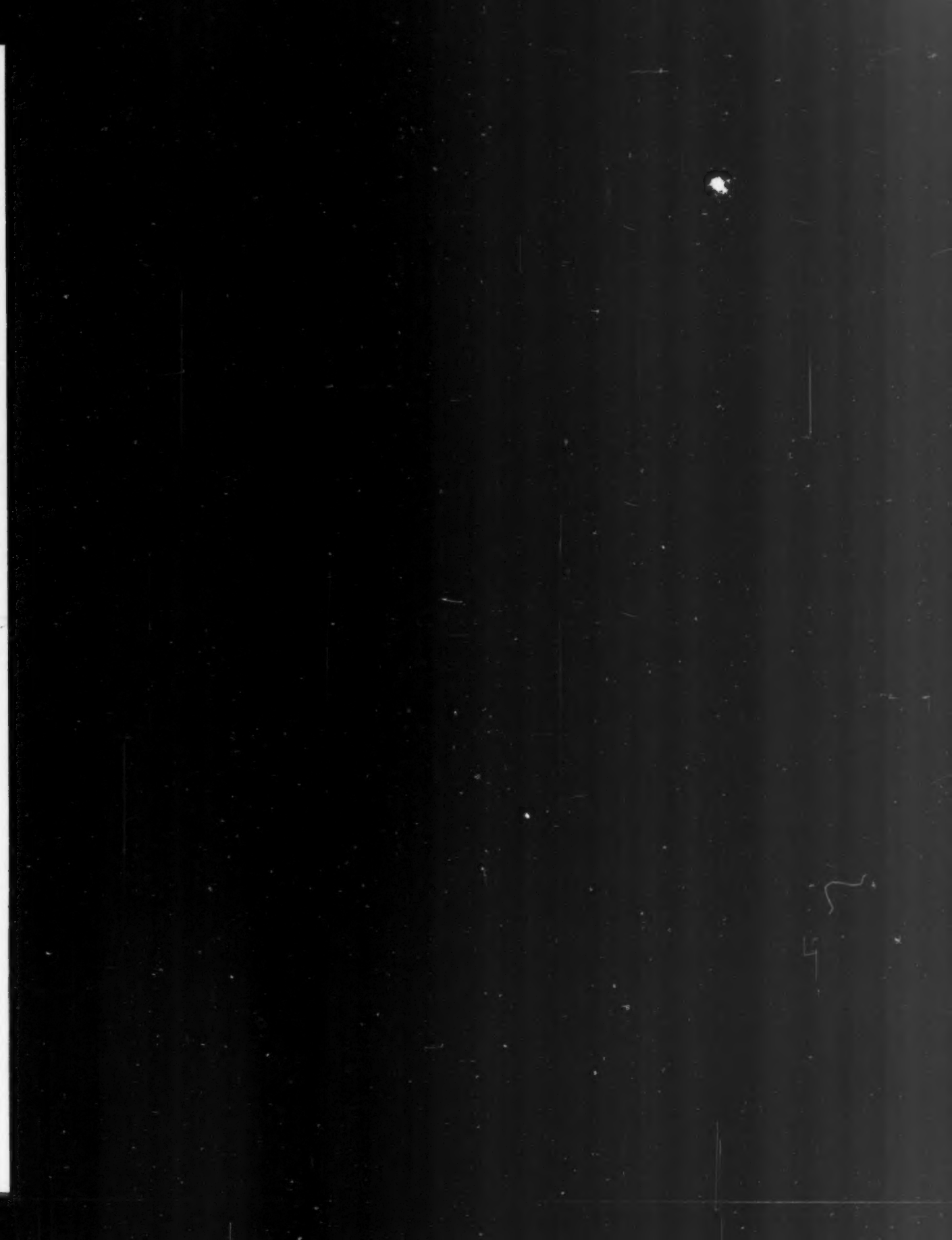
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